

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph below the heading entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

This application is a divisional of United States Patent Application No. 09/871,600 filed on May 31, 2001, which is now U.S. Patent Number. 6,979,374. This application claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application 2000-162552, filed May 31, 2000. The disclosures of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.